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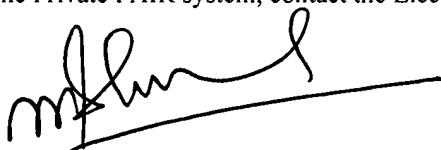
The amendment filed on 9/19/05 canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because the special technical feature of the elected invention, i.e. Group II, the GDF-15 protein composition is not a contribution over the prior art. Each of the cited references in the Office Action mailed 6/17/05 anticipates the composition of Group II. It is therefore proper to restrict the products from the methods. The compositions of Group II could be used in other processes, including use to make antibodies for screening tissues for GDF-15 expression.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Patrick S. Riggins whose telephone number is (571) 272-6102. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 7:00 to 3:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dave T. Nguyen, can be reached on (571)272-0731. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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